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St. Joseph's College Changes Its President

Aloys H. Dirksen Leaves Office To Dr. Henry Lucks

With the close of this scholastic year, the V. Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., having completed his second term of three years as President of St. Joseph's College, surrenders the honor and onus of this responsible position to the Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., Ph.D., Dean of the college and until last fall also registrar.

Father Dirksen's tenure of office has been marked by a series of improvements and developments that are tangible evidence of his contribution to the advancement of education here. Great as has been the material development perhaps the academic progress is, even more marked. In these six years, the curriculum has been considerably expanded, and the various departments have been defined and integrated with one another so that the college today is recognized for playing an important role in modern education.

When Father Dirksen accepted the office of President six years ago, the old Indian School had been renovated and, known as Drexel Hall, was capable of housing comfortably in private rooms somewhat over eighty students. The rest of the students lived in dormitories in the Main Building. New Residence Halls

Cramped living conditions were evident as young men were coming to the campus. In the summer of 1939, therefore, a new residence hall, Seifert, was erected and the next year, Noll, and Xavier. That



Rev. H. A. Lucks, C.P.P.S.

same year the Fieldhouse was begun and completed on time for the basketball season. The old faculty building, Gaspar Hall, was opened to students the following autumn, and the second and third floors of the administration building were converted from classrooms, study halls and dormitories into suites to accommodate the faculty. Rooms for the Brothers were provided in the south wing of this building.

The D.C. generators in the power plant, having become unserviceable, an A.C. generator was installed. This necessitated the purchase of new A.C. motors for all the campus requirements — in the shops, the dairy, the kitchen, and laboratories. A new and ultra-modern kitchen was built and equipped just before war restrict-

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Father Lucks Well Prepared For Task

The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., has been appointed successor to the V. Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., as President of St. Joseph's College. This appointment went into effect immediately after Commencement, May 21, when Father Dirksen's second three-year term in office expired.

Doctor of Philosophy

Present Dean of St. Joseph's, Father Lucks has been connected with the institution ever since his ordination in 1927. He attended the University of Notre Dame during the summers of 1929 and 1930, and Illinois University, the following summer. From 1933 to 1936 he pursued courses leading to a Doctorate of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Since then he has been professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's.

More immediate preparation for his new appointment began in 1937, when Father Lucks became Registrar and Dean of the College, a dual position which he filled until 1943. This past year he has been the college Dean.

Father Lucks was born April 26, 1901, at Beatrice, Nebr.

Sgt. Wm. T. Kennedy, Aerial Gunner, Lost

Sgt. William Thomas Kennedy, army air corps aerial gunner, who entered the services Oct. 15, 1942, upon completion of his junior year at St. Joseph's as an engineering student, has been missing in action in Italy since March 11, the War Department has announced.

Kennedy left for overseas duty Sept. 15, 1943, and had written that he was expecting a furlough soon.



Rev. A. H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S.

Pence Or Bucket, Wally Worries Little

Ever since he arrived in England we gather from his first letter, Wally Donahue has been carrying around as loose change a sufficient number of pence pieces. The reason may be gathered from what follows.

When Wally took residence, it wasn't so much that he was housed in a building erected about 1640, or that his roommates were Eugene Later, George Goldstein, and Joe Gabee; it was what that house contained—or didn't contain.

Wally asked the landlady where the bathroom was. They didn't have any. He asked her where the toilet was; that was a place to wash your hands and face and brush your teeth. Then he took a walk. For a pence dropped into a slot he got a booth.

Next day Wally learned that in England a toilet is a lavatory, Merriam-Webster notwithstanding. In the good King's English the house did contain a lavatory, providing you had a bucket to go to the courtyard well to fetch a pail of water to flush it.

Sometimes Wally goes with Jack and Jill to fetch that pail of water; more often he examines his loose change for a pence, and takes a walk.

Kennedy Has Easter Son-Day

In the U. S. Coast Guard service, Robert Kennedy, '41, has been married for the past year. Easter Sunday he became the father of an eight and one-half pound son.

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And there was darkness upon the face of the earth. And the president said: let the officers be called together to prepare a slate. And the historian asked the officers to gather together. But even the president himself could not come. And the first vice-president would come if he could, but he was not there. The two committeemen could not come, but one of them made a great light: he offered to remain in office, even as the first vice-president had done.

When it was evening, and the second vice-president came, he and the historian saw that the present officers were good. And they said one to the other: let the officers remain in office through the darkness or at least for another year. And it was so done.

But the secretary-treasurer could not remain in office; he had to go out and sail the deep. The second vice-president and the historian said: Let Father Joseph Otte succeed him. And it was so done.

Therefore, the following members of the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's College are your officers of the year 1943-1944: President—Mr. Bernard B. Lear, '19, 612 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.; First Vice-President—Rev. Leo A. Pursley, '21, 4610 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.; Second Vice-President—Mr. Charles A. Fromer, '23, 401 Holloway St., Attica, Ind.; Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Joseph Otte, C.P.P.S., Collegeville, Ind.; Executive Committeemen—Rev. Joseph J. Hennes, '16, St. Rose Rectory, Monroeville, Ind.; Mr. Henry F. Contant, '13, 807 Northwest A St., Richmond, Ind.

Ensign Klapheke Reads As Transport Rolls On

While he was spending weeks aboard a transport (his letter was written Feb. 18), Ens. Charles Klapheke, Jr., master of an L. L. C., wrote at length to one of his science profs. Parts of his letter follow.

"Last night, as I was lying in my bunk half asleep, I began to think about old St. Joe and the fellows that I knew there. Heading out to the war in the Pacific, I began to wonder how many were out there already, how many were under way just as I was, and how many were fortunate enough still to be in the States. Then I began to pick out individuals—Bob Far-

rel, Al Hurley, Bill Smith, John Keehner, John Hyland, Dan Goldcamp, Bennie Bladel, and many others.

"I saw Dan at Midshipmen's School in New York, and several weeks later in Little Creek, Va. Then just before he left on a transport, I met him again; I don't know whether he went to the Atlantic or the Pacific.

"Bill Smith and I correspond occasionally—he was one of my best friends. Just as he came up for O. C. S., the school closed, and he was left in the cold. But you know Bill; he's a hard worker, and I know that he will keep on trying.

"The day our boat was put into service, I took my crew down town to celebrate the occasion. While we were in a cocktail lounge, who should come in and slap me on the back but Vito Valone. He and John Sheets were stationed in an Army camp about thirty miles south of Portland.

"Oh, yes! While I was in Virginia, I saw two other fellows—Charlie Joseph, who played football, and Bob Burns, the very good boxer we had, who won the national Golden Gloves. Bob is a naval physical instructor at Little Creek.

"While I was in Midshipmen's School, I also got a letter from Joe Reardon, who at the time was an aviation cadet in Washington. I had written to his home, asking whether he could come to my wedding in June to sing "Ave Maria." Naturally, he couldn't.

"It was a beautiful wedding though, and my wife, a convert at about the age of fourteen, is a darn good Catholic. Ask Father Maziarz; he met her at the Homecoming dance, when I was a senior.

"If Father Sheeran could have seen me the past few weeks that I've been aboard ship, he would have been amazed. There are so few things to do while on a transport that most of our time is spent in reading. I've read more on this trip than I had in a long time before—some good books too. I've even read a collection of "Best Loved Poems." I'm just beginning to appreciate the enjoyment that one can gather from a good book. Not that I didn't envy and admire Father Sheeran for his ability to speak intelligently and critically about almost any one book or type of book that you could mention; at the same time he wasn't a bookworm.

Sincerely,
Ens. Chas. Klapheke, Jr.
F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

O'Neil, La Sage, Spin Yarns

Dear Editor,

I had the good fortune of meeting Paul Le Sage after arriving at this base. When I called his unit, trying to locate him, he himself answered the phone. You can well imagine how surprised we were.

Although Paul is in the Medical Corps and I am in the Infantry, we had plenty to talk about, including old times at St. Joe. We plan further meetings.

When I arrived in the South Pacific eighteen months ago, I was stationed on the island of Bara Bara in the Society group, only a few miles from Tahiti. I was not, however, fortunate enough to visit there.

After nine months on this base my organization was moved to another base, the location of which I may not give. My duties for the first sixteen months were those of company clerk; now I am in the intelligence section of my regiment.

Sincerely,
Cpl. Robert F. O'Neil
APO 708
San Francisco, Calif.

Herriges, Gravel Agitator, Helps Irrigate Kansas

Dear Editor,

How is everything back in Pumaville these days? From following CONTACT and Stuff, I see that you will be open for business next fall, even if not for business as usual. I hope you can keep things rolling until this little strife is concluded, and all the former Pumas can return to the college in the heart of the corn belt. No doubt plenty of them will.

I am no longer stationed at the focal point of higher learning, the Univ. of Neb. The ASTP there folded up, so after six months of German study I was shipped off to join the 44th Infantry Division on maneuvers in La. Once again I am a gravel agitator—an infantryman.

From La. we moved up here to Camp Phillips, Kansas, where at present we are training and waiting for what may come. The six months of study at Neb. were not wasted, however; it was the most intensive course of study I have ever had, and I can truthfully say that I never learned so much in so short a time. 'Und so jetzt spreche ich eine siemlich gute Deutsche Sprache—und sie können das wieder sagen.'

At present we are spending our time marching and shooting, drilling and training. The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things; of hand-grenades and rifles, of demolition rings. And so it goes. We have shot away enough ammunition and thrown enough hand-grenades to annihilate several Sturmtruppen divisions. And the perspiration expended in bayonet drill would, collectively, irrigate several hundred acres of arid Kansas farm land.

Some day I hope to finish my studies at Pumaville, and do a few more sketches for Stuff and Measure.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Len Herriges
3rd Platoon, I Co.
114th Inf., 44th Div.
APO 44
Camp Phillips, Kansas

Locust Valley Gets Mention

Dear Editor,

Though being very much a stranger to the St. Joe campus since the spring of 1940, I still receive an occasional issue of CONTACT. The last issue contained a reprint of a letter from Ted Wleklinski, who was also one of the original "Locust Valley" boys.

(If your memory is short, or our laurels reduced from the college annals, "Locust Valley" was the north dorm, third floor of the Main Building.)

That was quite a gang, editor, and I wonder whether it would be possible to include in some future issue of CONTACT a resume of the members during its first year of habitation by the exalted college group. I should like to gather a few more details about them.

Sincerely,
Lieut. (j.g.) J. P. Carrigan
F. P. O., New York City

(Ed. note: Jim lists the following names of members of L. V., '38-'39: Stan Krol, Bob Runnion, Dick Dunn, John R. Murray, John M. Murray, James Lynch, Norbert Singer, Herman Fortman, Maurice Gutsell, Bill Storey, Bob Olsen, Richard Perl, Clarence Walter, James Manion. There were others. It's a challenge to all not to let Jim be oneway Carrigan).

Richard F. Scharf Leaves For Navy

Coach, Teacher At St. Joseph's Since February of 1940

With the close of the 1944 scholastic year, St. Joseph's Academy loses its popular gentleman-coach, Richard Scharf, who will enter the United States Navy soon. An occupational deferment expired May 22, the day after commencement. Dick also was a member of the faculty at St. Joseph's.

An honor student, Dick majored in accounting at St. Joseph's, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in the spring of 1938. At St. Joe he was one of coach DeCook's most dependable players in all three varsity sports—football, basketball, and baseball. Always cool headed, he gave every ounce of energy he possessed to the game.

After graduation, Dick was employed by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Hammond, Ind., as an accountant, until in Feb., 1940, he came back to St. Joseph's to coach the academy teams and assist former college coach, Joe Dienhart. He also taught accounting and physical education. At the beginning of this year he was made head coach of St. Joseph's, after Joe Dienhart assumed a coaching position at Purdue University.

At present no successor has been chosen to replace Dick as coach. Although the college enrollment has been greatly reduced through military conscription, it will remain open. Meanwhile, a substantial increase in the enrollment of the academy is expected for next year.

A father of two children, Dick sold his home in Rensselaer. Mrs. Scharf and the family will live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Enright, Hammond, Ind.

Chaplain Esser Goes Overseas

Chaplain Gilbert F. Esser, C.P.P.S., on leave from his duties as professor at the college, has gone overseas. In military rank, he is a Major. Chaplain Esser's address is Hq. 79th Div., APO 79, New York City.

Colonel Bonvolour

Assigned to a challenging job with the Fifth Air Force when he was sent overseas, Colonel Wilfred G. Bonvolour, '21, is in the South Pacific theatre of action.



Richard Scharf

Lieut. R. B. Cropley Makes 25 Flights

Twenty-five missions against the enemy successfully completed—reads the record of Lieut. Richard B. Cropley, pilot in a marine dive bombing squadron, who left St. Joseph's College in 1941, the Marine headquarters of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced.

While on a mission, Dec. 17, over Bougainville, Lieut. Cropley made a direct hit on a bridge over the Hongori River and destroyed it. The bridge was an important Jap supply route to the Empress Augusta Bay area.

On Christmas day, while on another mission over Bougainville, his engine was hit by anti-aircraft fire, but in spite of this he made a dive on a heavy anti-aircraft gun and scored a hit.

Paul Reichert Ends Basic

Paul Edward Reichert, seaman 1/c, who left St. Joseph's at the end of his sophomore year, 1943, has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., for duty with our growing fleet of under-seas fighters.

Reichert studied chemistry at St. Joseph's, lettering in varsity football and baseball here as well.

Joseph Altenbach, '15, Dies

Joseph Altenbach, Sr., '15, died in Lima, Ohio, his home April 21. Until a month earlier when he became ill, he had been employed in the Chicago offices of the Nickle Plate Railroad.

Kansas Salesman Covers 7 Counties

Dear Editor,

In response to your invitation to say something about myself as a member of the class of '24, here goes—

I was ordained in 1930 at Carthage, and shortly after, was appointed assistant at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland, where I thought a brilliant future awaited me. Instead, within three months, my house of cards came tumbling down, and I spent the next one and one half years in the hospital, mostly in New Mexico. Again able to do something in 1932, I was appointed assistant at Glandorf, Ohio. To the good pastors and the kind people there I owe my return to health.

In 1936 I was appointed traveling salesman for Christ in Kansas. Within a year I had substituted at Windthorst, Winfield, Moline, and Arkansas City. I finally landed at Plains as pastor, with four missions, scattered over seven counties (4,000 square miles of territory). For the past four years I have had three Masses on Sunday, averaging 100 miles per Sunday. I have traveled 195,000 miles looking up the scattered Catholics of the southwest part of Kansas. One mission, Liberal, now has a resident pastor, Father E. J. Meyer, C.P.P.S.

From this one may well judge that my principal hobby is resting tho I do still keep an interest in baseball via radio. Look up the game between Loyola and St. Joe in '24.

As to Father Phil's suggestion, I would like to see all former classmates, but I fear this will have to wait until after the war. Traveling is difficult even in one's own back yard if it is big enough.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Robert Stock, C.P.P.S.

Alumni In Service

Ens. Edw. Bandjough, Thayer M-16, Co. D, Naval Tng. Sch. Cambridge, Mass.

Midshipman Paul Birkmeier, USNR Midshipman Sch., John Jay 518, New York 27, N. Y.

Robert Brunson, A. S., 825 Co., Great Lakes, Ill.

Harold Bundy, Jr., S. 2. C., Bks. 11, R-44, Sec. 1A Nav. Air Tech. Tng. Cent., Memphis 15, Tenn.

George Charek, A. S., 8th Reg. 3rd Bn. Co. 857, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. Kenneth DeWitt, 308 C.T.D., Texas A & M, College Sta., Texas.

Pvt. Geo. Dreier, 805 T. S. S., S.F.A.A.F., Bks 1029, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Pvt. John Foley, 308 CTD, Tex A & M, College Sta., Texas.

Pvt. John Goetz, AST Unit, Har-

Emmett Jeffers On Detective Detail

When in Chicago, drive your own car or take a taxi—if you can get one. Don't take any chances prying into parked cars for keys concealed under floor mats, for Emmett Jeffers, '24, is a member of the Police Department employed as a detective on the stolen car detail.

Emmett has two future Pumas, aged three and five. He has been in the banking business, the grocery business, and has spent several years doing auditing work. The Jeffers are at home at 2511 Farwell Avenue.

Decada, Wis., Pastor Has Log Cabin Open

A series of diocesan appointments since his ordination in 1930 finds Father Philip Rose, '24, today pastor of St. Nicholas parish, Decada (Random Lake, P. O.), Wisc. He was chosen diocesan C.Y.O. Director of Fond Du Lac Co. in 1933, and Director of the Badger Council of Catholic Boy Scouts in 1934.

Referring to the reunion of the class of '24, announced last month, Father Phil writes, "If the boys so choose, we can all get together for a celebration in my Log Cabin in the Northern Woods and lakes of Rhinelander, Wisc."

yard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.

Ens. John Keehner, 421 W. 5th St., Flint, Mich.

Pvt. Wm. Kiep, 1783rd Engr. Pts. Sup. Co., 1st Prov. Tng. Reg., Camp Claiborne, La.

Pvt. Robert McNamara, Co. A, 167 Engrs. C. Bn., Camp McCain, Miss.

Pvt. Ralph Peters, 86th Inf. Div. Camp Livingston, La.

Pvt. Daniel Reinman, 3rd Weather Sta., Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

Pvt. Frank Roytek, Casual Det., K.A.A.F., Kingman, Ariz.

Pfc. Eugene Shaw, 415th B. Hq. & A.B. Sq., L.A.A.F., Laredo, Texas

Pvt. Don E. Smith, Sec. N. 3706 AAF, Base Unit, Bks. 213, Shepard Field Texas.

Sgt. Michael Stohr, Hq. Btry. 401st Fa. Bn. Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Pvt. Ted Swierczek, Co. B., Candidates Class, Quantico, Va.

A. S. Steve Theodosios, D.T.L. Tng. Sq. 2, Fort Worth Army Air Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

George Weilmuenster, 1.C., Chelsea Nav. Hosp., Bldg. 59, Chelsea, Mass.

John Welsh, A.S., Co. 869, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. F. T. Wielontek, Ships Complement, S. S. Cape Herlapen, Fort Mason, Calif.

Pvt. R. M. Glassmeyer, Bks. 859, Co. B, 30th Bn., Camp Crowder, Mo.

More Than Forty Fathers Visit Campus For Eventful Academy Father-Son Day

In one of the most impressive spectacles in the history of St. Joseph's Academy, nearly forty fathers of academy students joined their sons May 7 to celebrate the first Father-Son Day to be held at St. Joseph's. If the reaction of the dads be considered, a tradition has been started.

J. Elmer Klein Keeps Air Express Moving

"Vision Unlimited," a monograph telling in pictures the story of air express, came through the mail the other day. Enclosed was the business card of J. E. Klein, '18, commercial agent for the company.

J. E. has followed through with the note: "I have had some very interesting conversations with airline representatives relative to post-war air express and air cargo liners. The story as told in "Vision Unlimited" may be of some use in the library for those students interested in commerce and transportation."

Former Teacher Dies In Texas

A professor at St. Joseph's from his ordination in 1910 to 1923, Father Felecian Wachendorfer, C.P.P.S., died in Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, May 14. He was sixty-two years old to the day.

When he left the faculty, Father Felecian was chaplain of St. Bernard's Hospital, Chicago, for a number of years, until ill health forced him to resign. He went to Texas to recuperate, but he never regained his health. Death ultimately was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Three Are Ordained

Having completed their preparation for the priesthood at St. Meinrad's Seminary, the Reverends Henry Ameling, '38, Paul Miller, '38, and Henry Ward, '37, will be ordained by Bishop Noll in Fort Wayne, June 3. Father Ameling will celebrate his First Holy Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Church, 5800 Harrison St., (Turkey Creek), Gary, June 4.

In the Abbey church, St. Meinrad's, May 29, Donald Hardebeck, Charles Mueller, and Richard Puetz, all of the class of '39, will receive the subdiaconate.

Opening the day's festivities was a ten o'clock Solemn High Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., principal of the academy, who was assisted by the Revs. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., and James Hinton, C.P.P.S. By pledging St. Joseph's continued spiritual, mental, and physical development of its students, the Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., president of St. Joseph's, welcomed the dads in his sermon.

After a "Friendly hour" in the Raleigh Smoking Club, where fathers and faculty members met for an informal get-acquainted session, a banquet was served.

Culminating the days celebration was a procession of fathers to the grotto after Benediction, which was held in the College Chapel. There prayers were said, songs were sung by the College Choir, and a short address was given by Father Dirksen, in which he asked those present to invoke the Blessed Virgin that peace be restored before these boys be called into the service.

Past Stuff Editor At New Residence

Drexel Blvd. is no longer the address of G. Richard Schreiber, last year's editor of Stuff, who is working for his M.A. in English at Chicago University.

He writes, March 24, "I am going down to 5725 Woodlawn Avenue (Chicago 37), to take charge of a boys' residence hall for the university. My new abode is an ideal bachelor's outfit: high beamed ceiling, wood-paneled walls, a fireplace that actually burns wood, a desk set in a kind of bay-window alcove. It is nearly perfect." His telephone is MIDway 9800, Extension 246.

Two Glueckerts See Action

On an invasion transport which has returned to the States from overseas duty, A. J. Glueckert, '40, sends a note that brother Bill, also of '40, is in action as a pilot of a B-25.



Msgr. Wm. Arnold

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, '02, Chief of Army Chaplains, is on the way to higher rank. A bill passed by the House and introduced into Congress will raise the Chief of Army Chaplains to the temporary rank of major general and open the rank of brigadier general, which Msgr. Arnold now holds, to other chaplains.

Rev. John Baechle Does Cover Work

As a member of the American Society of Amateur Microscopists, the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., professor of Biology at St. Joseph's, designed covers for the society's periodic Bulletin. On the cover of the Oct. issue the photomicrograph was that of the rhizome of the eagle fern, showing vascular bundle. Father supplied 1500 copies of the cover (printed and ready for binding) without a cent of cost to the organization.

The cover of the forthcoming Bulletin is a design of Father Baechle's. This print will be that of two home-made illuminators for a dissecting microscope. The cuts on the cover show the microscope and the illuminators. Engraving for the cuts on both covers was done at St. Joseph's engraving plant; the printing was done at the Campbell Printing Company in Rensselaer.

The use of this type of illuminators for microscopes is an original idea of Father Baechle's. Situated near the nosepiece of the microscope and adjustable, the two light bulbs give better illumination in studying objects, since the light is thrown on the object.

Peters Has Tonsils Yanked

At Camp Livingston, La., in Co. A. 342 Inf., APO 450, Pvt. Ralph Peters went on a liquid diet for a few days after he had his tonsils removed.

Old Times Easy Topic When Joe Boys Meet

After over a year in the 569th, S/Sgt. John Singletary was transferred to the 730 Sig. AW Co. at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. He is still working for the same boss, as his captain was transferred also.

John writes: "One night when I was in town I met Frank Maloney, Frank Stadola, and Chuck Young. When the four of us got together we certainly talked over old times."

Jack Devine is also at Drew Field. "I think," says John "that he is about five miles away at Plant Park, one of the parks where the major league baseball teams formerly had spring training." Stadola went overseas late in March.

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Dirksen-Lucks

ions placed a priority on such equipment. All in all these new buildings, new equipment, and renovations reached a total of more than \$350,000.

Alumni Chapters Grow

One remembers, too, that during the last six years, in alumni circles fourteen local chapters of former students were organized in as many places in the mid-western states. As a bond between alumni and the college Contact, a monthly news sheet, was started in March 1939. Laymen's retreats were offered four successive summers; the library was moved from the third floor of the north wing of the Gymnasium Building to its present accessible location on the ground floor of Science Hall.

Athletics Grow

With the coming of Joe Dienhart to the college as coach in 1938, varsity athletics made sports writers throughout the mid-west conscious of St. Joseph's as a he-man institution. Meanwhile, Father Edward Roof enthusiastically supported intramural competition and helped much to provide healthful recreation to every student on the campus.

Father Dirksen, a biblical scholar, who has contributed a commentary on the Gospel according to St. Mark for the revised edition of the New Testament, and written a number of articles for several magazines, has given a scholar's service to St. Joseph's for six successful years.

Mullin's Heart At St. Joe

His body in England, Cpl. John J. Mullin's heart is at St. Joe. "I surely wish I were back there going to school," he V-mails from his APO 403 N. Y. address. "I have been in the service for more than a year and am in the medical corps," John adds.